

**Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double
Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent**

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In Re Application Of: Dennis Foster et al

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Invention: **PROCESS FOR APPLYING PROTECTIVE AND
DECORATIVE COATING ON AN ARTICLE**

Owner of Record: Masco Corporation of Indiana

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Signature

Dated: 3-24-00

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- ☒ Terminal disclaimer found under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) included.
☐ PTO suggested wording for terminal disclaimer was unchanged.
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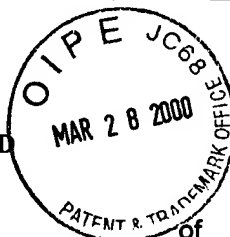
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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A PROVISIONAL DOUBLE
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PTO suggested wording for terminal disclaimer was

☒ unchanged. ☐ changed (if changed, an explanation should be supplied.)

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